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PIC/D-96-59  
13 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/TSS/APD

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Visit to Bausch and Lomb

1. On 23 April 1959, the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company at Rochester, New York, was visited by [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] Representatives of Bausch and Lomb present included [REDACTED]. Several items of equipment being developed and produced for CIA/PIC were discussed. In general, there was complete agreement and satisfaction by PIC personnel with the procedures being followed. The few items of interest noted by PIC which should be brought to the attention of APD/OB are noted below.

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2. a. 9 x 18 tri-power scanning stereoscopes

Delivery is to start about 15 May at the rate of 5 per month. It is desired that the 12 items slated for PIC be delivered first.

b. 18 x 38 tri-power scanning stereoscope

It was discovered that only one item, the prototype, has actually been ordered though funds for the entire lot of 20 have been allocated. Even though reluctant concurrence is made on this method of approach, it will still delay receipt of the much needed subsequent items.

Some minor changes in this item are desired, and these should be made known to Bausch and Lomb by APD/OB.

(1) Casters should be at least 5 inches or 6 inches in diameter and with jack-type locking arrangement.

(2) The hinged doors at the back should be sliding doors so that less floor space is required.

(3) A spare parts list should be furnished.

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(4) Bausch and Lomb should investigate the feasibility of black-light neon lighting in conjunction with a phosphorescent coated glass viewing surface.

It is noted that the current delivery date for this prototype is about August 1959.

c. High-tilt rectifier


It is understood that the first rectifier will go to SAC, Omaha. In order to save about 6 months' time in producing the second item, it is recommended that Bausch and Lomb be permitted to make two prototypes, the second of which should go to PIC. Delivery is now scheduled about as follows on this item.

1st rectifier - October - November 1959

Two 2:1 printers - September - October 1959

It is desired that the first printer produced be delivered to PIC as there is already a backlog of work for this item.


3. Bausch and Lomb people promised to send PIC layout drawings and sketches of the equipment as available. It is presumed these drawings will be sent to PIC through APD/OB.

  
Executive Officer  
Photographic Intelligence Center

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